

REMARKS

This Application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed January 29, 2008. Claims 1-4, 6-16, and 18-22 are pending in this application and are rejected. For at least the reasons provided below, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Double Patenting

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-4, 6-16, and 18-22 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 11 of U.S. Patent No. 7,200,344 issued to Hoshida ("*Hoshida*") in view of the combination of U.S. Patent No. 5,151,196 issued to Kitajima ("*Kitajima*") and U.S. Patent No. 6,417,958 issued to Du ("*Du*") and U.S. Patent No. 6,556,327 issued to Ohya ("*Ohya*") or the combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,310,709 issued to Bergano ("*Bergano*") and *Du* and *Ohya*. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's statements or conclusions in this regard, Applicants have attached a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate this rejection. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-39.

CONCLUSION

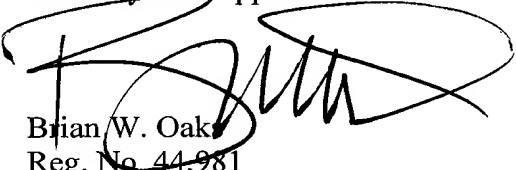
Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the present application is not allowed and/or if one or more of the rejections is maintained, Applicants hereby request a telephone conference with the Examiner and further requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to schedule the telephone conference.

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